

POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMO

Date April 2, 1952

To: Files

From: Al Neale

Subject: Western Gas Company oil disposal problem at
Bremerton, Washington

Recent complaints from residents at Bremerton have indicated that heavy waste oils from the Western Gas Company have been allowed to cause conditions of pollution along the beaches of Port Washington Narrows.

A letter, requesting correction of existing conditions, was sent by the Commission on March 7, 1952, and on Thursday, March 27, a conference was held with the manager, Harold Floyd, to determine whether or not the company had met these requirements. It was learned that all of the waste sludge had been removed and that more than 70 truck loads of sand had been used in attempts to cover the oil-like sludge which recently escaped, subsequent to the failure of the retaining wall.

Mr. Floyd indicated that he would comply fully with the Commission's letter of March 7, and also that recent modifications in the distillation process would prevent future large accumulations of sludge.

Mr. Floyd also indicated that he would have the filter sand in the oil separation unit completely changed within the next four or five days.

A letter confirming this discussion is to be mailed to Mr. Flood.

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